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Canada-Wide 'Genius Hunt' Proposed

MONTREAL (CP)—One of Canada's top scientists Tuesday proposed a "genius hunt" across the nation.

Let's find the geniuses, sort them out, train them and then let them do basic research — that's the plan of Dr. O. M. Solandt, quiet-spoken scientist-turned-railwayman.

He calls it "operation genius."

Dr. Solandt, onetime chairman of the Defence Research Board and now vice-president of research for the CNR, said only a small proportion of the population of any nation has the earmarks of genius—the basic intellectual capacity, originality and dynamic enthusiasm.

"There is every reason to believe that the Canadian population contains just as high a proportion of these geniuses as does the population of any other country," he said.

The problem is to find them, Dr. Solandt explained in a speech to the woodland section of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association.

"Unfortunately this task is not an easy one. Geniuses are very hard to identify and to encourage."

Dr. Solandt, whose own brainpower is highly regarded in Canada, said a genius is best suited to basic research, which is research without commercial reward.

Canada, said Dr. Solandt, cannot afford to have its geniuses doing applied research.

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OPEN REVOLT AGAINST CHINA FLAMES THROUGHOUT TIBET

Death Law Fought

OTTAWA (CP)—"Have you ever seen a man hanged?"

With those words, Harold Winch (CCF-Vancouver East) opened an attack Tuesday in the Commons on capital punishment, which he described as an "ancient system of revenge."

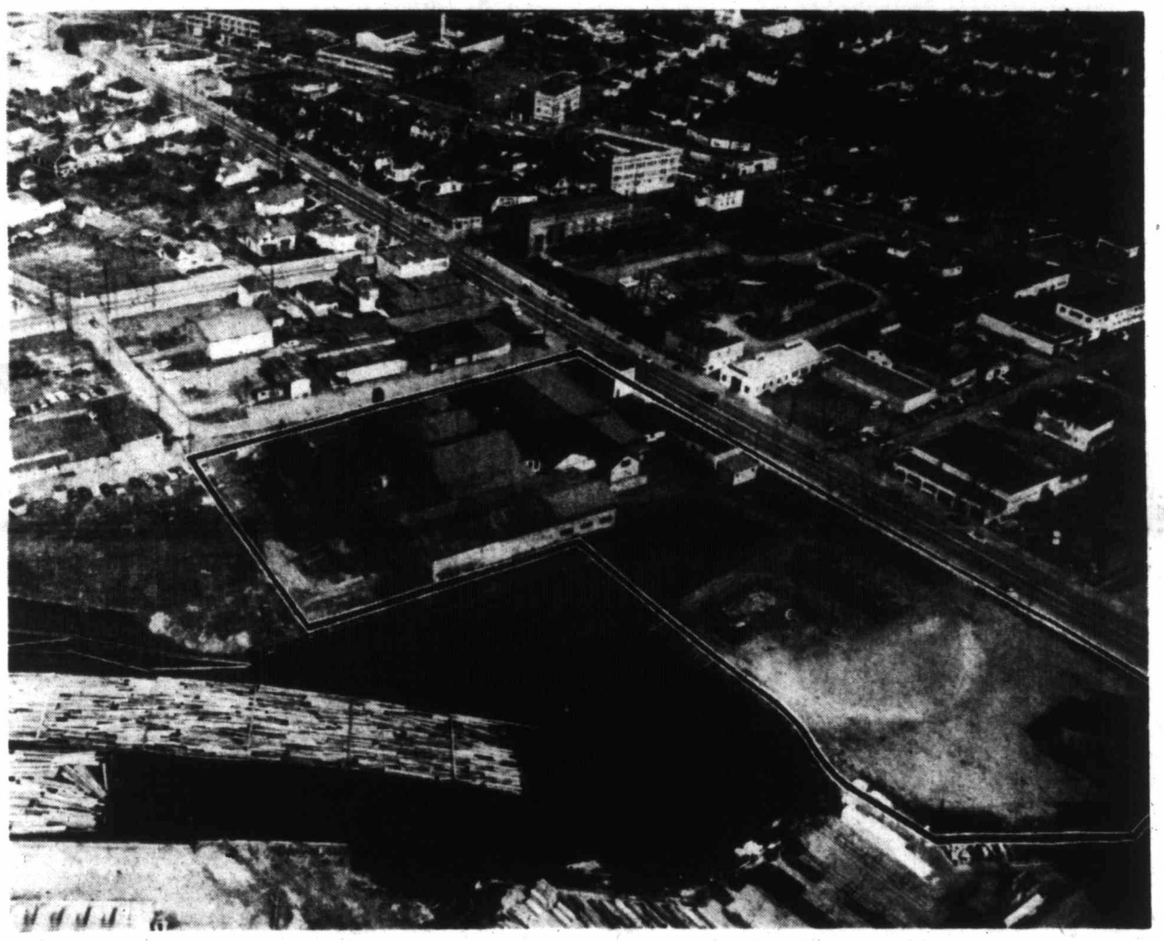
Mr. Winch, long an advocate of abolishing the death penalty, said he once saw a man hanged and the experience caused him to make a detailed investigation. As a result, he was convinced there is no basis for the retention of capital punishment.

He was supporting a private member's bill sponsored by Frank McGee (PC-York-Scarborough) to do away with the hangman's noose.

The bill was "talked out" in an hour, killing it for this session.

Both Mr. McGee and Mr. Winch dealt with the arguments of those who, in every argument on capital punishment, ask "what would you do" if a close relative were brutally murdered.

Mr. Winch said the argument fell to the ground, since those people forgot that the process they were supporting, capital punishment, had failed to prevent the murder.



Bird's-eye view of Crowe Gonnason Co. Ltd. property—on west side of Government Street just south of Bay Street—that may one day serve Victoria as a bustling heliport, is roughly outlined in picture taken from Vancouver Island Helicopters Ltd. aircraft by Colonist photographer Jim Ryan.

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Downtown Heliport Brings $250,000 Bid

A Vancouver real estate firm has offered more than $250,000 for the Crowe Gonnason lumber mill property on Victoria's inner harbor for use as the city's helicopter terminal.

The firm is Block Brothers, which earlier this year purchased waterfront property on Montreal Street as a proposed site for the new Black Ball Inc. ferry service between Port Angeles and Victoria.

Larry Goodwin, representative of Block Brothers, said last night that his firm was willing to build the city helicopter terminal provided it was assured a lease-back arrangement either with the company operating the helicopter service or the city of Victoria.

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Mill Site 7½ Acres

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Mr. Goodwin said that Okanagan Helicopters Ltd., which has on order a 57-seat Rotodyne vertical lift airplane from Fairey Aviation, was considering his proposal.

"Eventually, of course, we would have to deal either with the City of Victoria or the company which succeeds in getting the helicopter franchise."

Meantime the City Council on Thursday is to hear a recommendation from its public works committe that the 7.3 acres of the Crowe Gonnason lands should be endorsed, in principle, as a site for a heliport.

The recommendation would also have to go to the Advisory Planning Commission.

Mr. Goodwin said the Crowe Gonnason site appeared the ideal situation for a Victoria city heliport terminal. He expressed the view that the rights to the land would give an applicant for a heliport service a strong argument to bring before the Board of Transport Commissioners.

The site was suggested to Mr. Goodwin by Whitworth Stanbury, local investment broker, who is one of the trustees of the Crowe Gonnason estate.

The firm of Crowe Gonnason is now in voluntary liquidation. All the mill equipment has been sold, as have the company's timber holdings on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

The 7.3-acre property on Government Street consists of a lumber yard, administrative buildings, mill buildings, and a wharf on Rock Bay.

Mr. Goodwin said that if the sale is completed, the existing office building might be used as the passenger terminal, but the mill building would be demolished.

Bus Plunge Kills Five

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina (AP) — A bus loaded with 29 passengers plunged off a 35-foot cliff into the ocean near here, Tuesday, killing five and injuring 20 others, authorities said.

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No More Boosts In Freight Rates

OTTAWA (UPI)—Transport Minister George Hees said last night the government will not permit "any further general increases in railway freight rates."

He said proposed $20,000,000 subsidies will reduce rate increases granted last year.

Pulp Investors Hard to Find

VANCOUVER (CP)—T. N. Beaupre, president of Columbia Cellulose Company, said Tuesday night the B.C. pulp and paper industry is facing a major problem in attracting additional investment to secure, maintain and expand production.

"To attract these investors, we must be able to give them a return on their money," he told labor and management delegates attending the industry's safety conference here. "There must be profits, and they must get their share or our industry will shrivel up."

"I do not believe that the management of any of our companies is unsympathetic to the legitimate ambitions and requirements of any company member," he said.

"The difficulty is in securing agreement as to what can be justified in the short term while enhancing, rather than destroying, the long-term future."

Halifax Ships On Exercise

HALIFAX (CP) — Seven warships, including the British submarine Ambush, leave here today to take part in NATO exercises with U.S. forces in the northwest Atlantic March 20 to April 4.

Heading the Canadian force will be the aircraft carrier Bonaventure with Tracker anti-submarine aircraft and helicopters. Other units are the destroyer escorts Algonquin, Nootka, Athabaskan, Restigouche and St. Croix.

Dalai Lama Underground

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—The Tibetan revolt against Red China has spread from Lhasa, the capital, to all corners of Tibet, the Hindustan Times reported Tuesday.

The newspaper, a supporter of Indian Prime Minister Nehru's party, added:

"Wherever the Dalai Lama is—it is reported he is not in Chinese hands.

CHINESE PICKET

"According to one version he went underground before fighting started in Lhasa March 20 and his palace is now guarded by Chinese pickets." Tibet has been occupied by Red China since 1950.

The Hindustan Times also said that among the targets for attacks by the Tibetan rebels are Communist Chinese propaganda posts.

SUSPEND WORK

The independent, influential Times of India prominently front-paged a dispatch from its Hong Kong correspondent saying Peiping might ask the Indian consulate in Lhasa to close down or suspend work in Tibet.

Quoting an unidentified Asian visitor from Peiping, the Times of India said Red China is worried over the Indian consulate in Lhasa becoming both a rallying point for the rebels and a source of news to the outside world.

NOT TO LEAVE

The Times of India said the Indian consulate staff and families have been asked by the Communist Chinese not to leave the premises, thereby placing them all under virtual house arrest.

It was reported Monday night that peace had been restored in Lhasa.

As near as could be determined in Kalimpong, a clearing house for information from Tibetan traders and travelers, the fighting actually began March 10 and rapidly gained momentum. On March 18 it reached a peak. Heavy fighting continued through last Friday and began tapering off last weekend until there was no armed opposition left in Lhasa.

But the fighting was said to have continued unabated in outlying areas. And then yesterday there were reports that the tough Tibetans—who pride themselves that the Chinese are no match for them, man to man — had begun fighting again in the sacred city, 16,000 feet up in the Himalays.

NEW DELHI (UPI) — The authoritative Times of India reported today the Chinese Communists have asked the Indian government to close down its Lhasa consulate, which has given the world much of the news of the Tibetan revolt.

Etna Erupts

Tremor Shakes Florence

FLORENCE, Italy (Reuters)—A strong earth tremor shook Florence Tuesday, causing cracks in the city's railway station, a modern structure of steel and concrete.

The tremor moved furniture, knocked objects from shelves, disrupted the city's telephone system and sent people dashing into the streets.

WORST IN 20 YEARS

The head of the Ximines Observatory here said small cracks were made in many buildings. He described the shock as the worst in the Florence area for nearly 20 years.

Schools were closed down and teachers ordered children into the street.

EARTH FALL

Observatory officials said the tremor, which was followed by a milder shock a few minutes later, probably was caused by an earth fall in the Appenine Mountains.

Meanwhile, in Catania, Sicily, a plume of white vapor hung over the crater of Mount Etna, which erupted Monday night.

Mount Etna, Europe's largest active volcano, spewed more sand Tuesday but the outbreak is described as minor so far and no lava or explosions have been observed.

Carried Note, Jailer Jailed

BULAWAYO, Southern Rhodesia (Reuters)—An African prison guard who admitted smuggling out a letter from a former African leader detained in Khami prison was sentenced Tuesday to six months at hard labor.

Ski Tracks Lead To Certain Death?

BRALORNE, B.C. (CP)—A German immigrant and his wife were feared dead Tuesday night after their ski tracks were found leading into a massive snow avalanche near this interior British Columbia community.

Bralorne is 125 miles north of Vancouver.

A friend who went searching for the couple told RCMP he found two sets of tracks leading into the slide at McGillivray Pass, 15 miles southeast of here.

The couple's names were withheld. RCMP said both are recent immigrants from Germany.